

Cuba Curbs Travel By U. S. Diplomat

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Ban on Castro In N. Y. Brings Retaliation

HAVANA, Sept. 17 (AP)—

Fidel Castro's government today slapped tight restrictions on movements of United States Ambassador Philip Bonsal in Havana in retaliation for the United States curb on the Cuban Prime Minister's travels during the United Nations General Assembly.

The diplomatic quarantine capped a series of anti-American measures taken on the eve of Mr. Castro's departure for New York.

1. Armed militiamen last night seized three American-owned banks operating on the island.

2. The Castro government whipped up a new international furor by ordering the expulsion of an attractive United States Embassy Secretary Mrs. Marjorie Lennox on spy charges. Three other North Americans were ordered expelled on the same charges. They were identified as Mario Nordio, an Italian born United States citizen, his wife, Mary and Robert L. Neet, another United States Embassy employee.

Restricted to Route

Foreign Minister Raul Roa told Mr. Bonsal he was restricted to the Havana area where the embassy is situated and to going to and from his residence five miles outside the city.

In a note to Mr. Bonsal, Mr. Roa said the restriction action against the United States envoy was taken because of "the arbitrary confinement imposed by North American authorities on the activities" of Prime Minister Fidel Castro in New York.

The Vedado section of Havana, to which Mr. Bonsal was restricted during Mr. Castro's proposed stay in New York, is about a 10-square-mile area along the sea.

Mr. Roa told Mr. Bonsal he would have to take "the usual route" to and from the Embassy residence. He added sarcastically that the restrictions were inspired "by the plan to offer your excellency every kind of security."

All Banks Seized

The latest moves came as Mr. Castro prepared to leave for the General Assembly to charge the United States with what he calls economic aggressions against his regime.

The latest seizure represented the takeover of all American banks on the island. The United States Embassy was notified by American banking sources that intervenors, apparently from the Cuban National Bank, had begun taking over all branches of the First National City Bank of New York, the First National Bank of Boston and the Chase Manhattan Bank. Financial sources estimated reserves and undivided profits of the American

banks at \$5 million to \$8 million with assets and liabilities of many times that amount.

Militiamen also were seen entering the Trust Company of Cuba, a Cuban-owned bank. It was not known if any other Cuban banks were affected. Canadians said their banks were untouched.

It was not immediately clear on whose orders the militiamen acted in taking over the American banks. But the action duplicated the pattern of recent months of the government takeover of three American-owned rubber companies in the Castro regime's march toward total control of American-owned property in Cuba.

Banking sources said that all American banks in Cuba have been operating at a loss in recent months. One of their primary functions was financing operations of American-owned sugar mills, which recently were nationalized.

Some of the banks have been operating in Cuba almost since the island gained independence more than 58 years ago.

In a statement issued early today the Cuban government said Mrs. Lennox and six other North Americans had set up a monitoring apparatus in an 18th floor apartment to listen to what was said in the offices of a Communist Chinese news agency. The agency offices are in the same building as Mrs. Lennox's apartment.

The government identified the others arrested as Eustice Dan Brunet, Edmund K. Taranske, Daniel L. Carswell, Mr. Nordio, his wife, and Mr. Neet.

Mrs. Lennox and Mr. Neet were described as go-betweens for a "spy ring" and the United States Embassy.

The Cubans said tipsters led two agents to Mr. Nordio's apartment where Mr. Brunet, Mr. Taranske and Mr. Carswell were arrested. They were described as "technicians specializing in monitoring and recording."

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The government said Mrs. Lennox's key was found in Mr. Nordio's apartment and she was then arrested. Mr. Nordio was later picked up as he and Mr. Neet sought refuge in the United States Embassy, the note said.

The police claimed to have found tiny microphones with fine wires leading to the two transmitters in a bathroom medicine cabinet.

Cuban authorities said Mr. Nordio, identified as a dance instructor, and his wife would be expelled along with Mrs. Lennox and Mr. Neet.